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**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPEAL**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby expressly request the withdrawal of Appeal No. 2007-0659. Further to a conversation between Applicants' representative and Mr. Patrick Nolan of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, it was discussed that, although a hearing has been scheduled for January 15, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., Applicants wished to expressly abandon the Application. Subsequently, Mr. Nolan indicated that he would promptly remove this hearing from the Board's docket.

Filed concurrently with this paper is a Request for Express Abandonment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.138.


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Should there be any questions regarding this paper, or this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number

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